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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2005, for which a response is was due July 6, 2005. Applicant submits a request for 3 months extension thereby extending the time for reponse to October 6, 2005. Thus, this response is timely filed.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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